



Pronunciation Problems of English Language Learners in India

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Abstract: India is a land of culture and there are many languages like Sanskrit and Hindi, which have been spoken in India for a decade. But in today's world English becomes the universal language it is mandatory for everyone to learn English to communicate with the rest of the people in the world because each country has its own language to speak to overcome this problem it is required to learn fluent English. In India, most people speak in their local language and when the situation came to talking in English they feel shy and do pronunciation mistakes. This article explains the problems faced by learners while pronouncing English words.

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I. INTRODUCTION

English plays an important role in today's world in countries like India it is considered an associate language for higher studies India English is considered a second language after Hindi a language that is a natural object or component of the human mind physically represented in the brain and part of the biological endowment of the species (Chomsky,2002). after the innovation of computers, the importance of the English language also increases because the input to the computer is only given in the English language.

In India, as English is considered a second language there are very few people who speak English fluently in English there doesn't exist a single form of pronunciation there are 26 letters of the English alphabet which do not always indicate the same sound of pronunciation also the spelling should not always indicate how an English word should be pronounced.

For example:-in the word "psychology" the spelling and pronunciation are different.

In India, we may have many English speakers from all the states but due to cultural differences there is a difference in the pronunciation as well some people pronounce 'Ravindra' as 'Rabindra' and some speakers from (UP, and MP) pronounce 'Shobha' as 'Sobha' this problem arises due to the pronunciation technique.

English is totally different from Indian languages like Hindi, Bengali, Marathi, and Tegulu. this is applicable all across the board – there's little shared vocabulary, and even the intonation and specific sounds don't match up that abundant. Because of this, there's an additional layer of challenge for Indian speakers once it involves English pronunciation. In fact, tons of Indian speakers tend to feel softer with reading or writing in English as compared to speaking aloud. The speech of English speakers might exhibit pronunciation characteristics that result from such speakers amiss learning the pronunciation of English, either by transferring the descriptive linguistics rules from their natural language into their English speech or through implementing ways the same as those utilized in primary language acquisition. they'll conjointly produce innovative pronunciations for English sounds not found within the speaker's natural language.

It is terribly troublesome for learners to realize a pronunciation that looks like a native speaker's. Discussions of the pronunciation of English as a global language have emphasized the very fact that native-like pronunciation is additionally spare for several learners, and should so not be needed. it's been instructed that comprehensibility could be an additional applicable objective than conformity to any pre-existing model.

Below are some of the problems due to which pronunciation differences occur.



II. PROBLEMS WITH THE PRONUNCIATION OF ENGLISH

We know the English alphabet has 26 letters but there are 44 sounds. These 26 letters of the English alphabet do not always indicate the same sound of pronunciation while learning to speak English language learners may face many problems and pronunciation is one of them. Below are some of the factors which are responsible for problems in the pronunciation of English.

1) High impact of the mother tongue:-

The learners of the English language after producing the sound of English words like the sound of their mother tongue do they are different. Due to this pronunciation problems are arises.

Eg:-some people pronounce 'tomato' in their mother tongue as 'tomator' do they are starting is common from the alphabet 't' but the pronunciation is different.

2) Negligence of listening:-

The major problem of pronunciation differences is due to the negligence of listening properly.

Eg:- in the word 'athlete' due to negligence of listening some people pronounce it as 'ethleet'

3) Learner's age:-

pronunciation problem arises due to the learner's age as younger learners are able to learn and hear sounds clearly than aged people

4) Inserting vowels into consonant clusters:-

Consonant clusters carry with them 2 or a lot of consonants that are unit next to every alternative during a word. English has many words with consonant clusters, like "string," "salt," and "tree." These aren't as common in Indian languages, thus Indian speakers will notice them as awkward to pronounce. As a result, they could insert an additional vowel, spoken language "i-string," "sal-a-t," and "t-a-ree" instead.

5) Lack of Compatibility between writing and Pronunciation:-

There is a lack of Compatibility between the spellings and their pronunciation.

For example, "tion" on the very best of a word is pronounced "shun", whereas "sion" is additionally pronounced "zhun". Their unit of mensuration sometimes some ways within which to pronounce a selected writing pattern, however it completely helps to grasp what the variations unit of mensuration. as associate example, the pattern "ough" is additionally pronounced "uff" as in "enough" and "tough", or "or" as in "ought" and "bought" or "oh" as in "although" and "dough".

For example, Knife, Knowledge, Knave, Kneel have 'K' silent that mustn't be pronounced in any respect.

6) Multiple sounds of identical letters:

There unit of mensuration several letter and combos of letters that prove varied sounds at altogether completely completely different places.

as associate example, 'c' produces 2 sounds as 's' and 'k'. also "ch" produces 3 sounds as, 'ch', 'k', 'sh'.

RESEARCH RESULTS

The pronunciation sound of English learners are slightly different as compared to the language experts but the pronunciation of letters and sounds can be learn by the degree of their word sequence. Another issue to teach pronunciation clearly is to show a way how to differentiate vowels and consonant sound. The language teacher attempt to teach learners regarding words without any difficulty. That means the pronunciation rules should be followed by the teacher in order that they'll teach them to the learner students. After the repeatable revision for many times the learners ought to begins to pronounce the words confidentially and has no problem in pronouncing them.

CONCLUSION

Every language has its own unique points and these makes it sound impressive and attractive. For English language there does not exist a single form of pronunciation and letters and sounds are discriminate from each other. And words are not pronounced as they are written. Overcome this every English teacher should teach learners with the knowledge of sounds and letters. and learners also try to carefully listen and speak the English language so that the pronunciation mistakes can be overcome.



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